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SUBJECT: New Turkish Airport Security Measures

1. (U) Turgay Sahan, of the Turkish National Police' Aviation Department, provided the Embassy with a copy of new security procedures introduced at airports as of November 14. An informal translation of the procedures follows below:

2. (SBU) Begin Informal Translation Airport Security Procedures:

Following the additional security measures at European airports, Al Qaeda started believing that the possibility of a successful attack with explosives and guns was reduced. The terrorist organization is now searching for new arms to conduct such terrorist attacks. The organization may use cameras as pacifiers, make technical changes in cameras to hide explosives, use toys to hide these explosives, or use Swiss army knives, model knives or shoes to conduct these attacks. The terrorists may use the flash unit of the camera to pacify the crew and use this as a tool to take over the control of the aircraft. The organization is known to be searching for ways to hide hand-made explosives in the cameras. They aim to insert the parts and the necessary mechanisms for these explosives in the cameras to be able to pass the security screening without any problem. There are indications that they could also insert nitroglucose explosives in fur toys.

Although most airline companies and airports have strict measures against passengers' carrying knives with them on the aircraft, the terrorists are known to be still considering this as an option and to be testing the security at the check points through hiding these knives in their hand baggage.

It is known that these tests are carried out by the people traveling for business not directly related with Al Qaeda, although the organization has also appointed certain people to conduct this search at the airports and on aircraft.

Based on the local evaluation we made:

1) Since there is a possibility that a weakness in cargo terminals could be used for a possible attack,

-- All the related establishments and organizations in the National Civil Aviation Security Program (NCASP) , and specifically those at Istanbul Ataturk Airport and the ones listed in this Airport's security code should act line with their responsibilities, or they will be subject to NCASP sanctions.

-- The packages as well as the vehicles entering and exiting cargo buildings should be strictly controlled, entry into cargo buildings should be limited, all entities functioning in the cargo buildings should be reminded of their responsibilities and obligations, the security measures at parking lots for these cargo buildings should be increased and the suspicious vehicles should be examined, the vehicles should be asked to transport passengers without parking in front of these buildings.

2) In order to avoid any security weakness in the periphery,

-- all related organizations should examine the physical measures to take, including measures regarding the human factor,

-- the security units around the airport should take the responsibility for the security of the areas outside the airport, the areas which enable access to the airport from the highways or the sea,

-- the various gates on the fence surrounding the airport should be closed, as long as it does not effect the normal functioning of the airport,

3) A teamwork should be established at the airport, and everybody should be more sensitive about entry-exit controls, on informing all the personnel working at the airport on the necessity of the security measures, and particularly on displaying ID cards.

4) The airports which have a closed circuit TV (CCTV) system should display the notices and announcements in the CCTV rooms, the others should establish a news center at the airport and display these announcements. These centers will also be used to transfer messages on suspicious cases to TNP and the State Airports Authority (DHMI) through a standard telephone number.

5) Considering how serious of a threat we are facing nowadays, a Security Commission should be established which will work efficiently to inform the personnel at the airports and the communication network previously established in line with the NCASP should be used to provide a fast solution to the problems that may arise.

End Informal Translation.
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